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Applicants : Francisco Jose Paz Barahona
Timothy C. Loose
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by November 28, 2003, and this response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.